Please add new claims 12-27.

11 ~~12.~~ A cementing composition, comprising:

(i) hydraulic binder;

(ii) dense particles having a density higher than that of the density of the hydraulic binder; and

(iii) reinforcing particles which:

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- comprise a material selected from the group consisting of rubber and flexible materials;
- have a density of less than about 1.5 g/cm^3;
- are of low compressibility; and
- have an average grain size of less than about 600 μm.

12 13. The cementing composition of claim 12, wherein the reinforcing particles have a density of less than 1.2 g/cm^3.

13 14. The cementing composition of claim 12, wherein the dense particles comprise hematite particles.

14 15. The cementing composition of claim 12, wherein the material comprising the reinforcing particles has a Young's modulus of less than 5000 MPa

15 16. The cementing composition if claim 15, wherein the material comprising the reinforcing particles has a Young's modulus of less than 3000 MPa.

16 17. The cementing composition of claim 16, wherein the material comprising the reinforcing particles has a Young's modulus of less than 2000 MPa.

17 18. The cementing composition of claim 12, wherein the material comprising the reinforcing particles has a Poisson ratio of greater than 0.3.

18 19. The cementing composition of claim 12, wherein the material comprising the reinforcing particles has an average particle size in the range of 80 μm to 600 μm.

19 20. The cementing composition of claim 19, wherein the material comprising the reinforcing particles has an average particle size in the range of 100 µm to 500 µm.

20 21. The cementing composition of claim 12, wherein the material comprising the reinforcing particles comprises a flexible material selected from the group consisting of polyamides, polypropylene, polyethylene, styrene butadiene and styrene divinylbenzene.

21 22. The cementing composition of claim 12, comprising, by volume, 2% to 15% of dense particles, 5% to 20% of flexible particles, 20% to 45% of cement and 40% to 50% of mixing water.

22 23. The cementing composition of claim 12, further comprising at least one additive selected from the group consisting of suspension agents, dispersing agents, anti-foaming agents, retarders, setting accelerators, fluid loss control agents, gas migration control agents and expansion agents.

23 24. The method of cementing a zone of a well, comprising pumping into the well a cementing composition, comprising:

(i) hydraulic binder;

(ii) dense particles having a density higher than that of the density of the hydraulic binder; and

(iii) reinforcing particles which:

- comprise a material selected from the group consisting of rubber and flexible materials;
- have a density of less than about 1.5 g/cm^3;
- are of low compressibility; and
- have an average grain size of less than about 600 µm.

24 25. The method of claim 24, wherein the cementing composition is pumped into a perforation zone.

25 ~~26~~. The method of claim 24, wherein the cementing composition is pumped into a junction of a multilateral well.

26 ~~27~~. The method of setting a cement plug, comprising pumping into a well, a cementing composition, comprising:

(i) hydraulic binder;

(ii) dense particles having a density higher than that of the density of the hydraulic binder; and

(iii) reinforcing particles which:

- comprise a material selected from the group consisting of rubber and flexible materials;
- have a density of less than about 1.5 g/cm^3;
- are of low compressibility; and
- have an average grain size of less than about 600 μm.

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